

## CROSBY CONFIRMS FEAR FOR CONDUIT

Declares Damage to Main  
Would Mean Immediate  
Water Famine.

## SAYS CONSTRUCTION IS NOT AT FAULT

Preliminary Work Toward Laying  
New Pipe Already in  
Progress.

Major Spencer Crosby, United States Engineer Corps, who has charge of the government's end of the Capital's water system, this morning confirmed the statement of Superintendent W. F. McFarland, that a bad break in the one conduit supplying Washington with water, would mean that in a few days, possibly three or four, the city would be without the fluid that is indispensable to sanitation, to protection from fire and to life itself.

"It is true," said Major Crosby, "that a serious injury to the conduit would mean that Washington would be without water, for there is no other means of supplying the city but through that conduit."

### Takes Issue.

"There is, however, one part of Mr. McFarland's statement with which I do not agree. He says that the conduit was constructed badly. That is hardly the case. The conduit was built fifty years ago, and the very fact that it is still doing business is enough to show that it was remarkably well constructed. "There is a constant watch kept on it; men patrol it every day, and we exercise every precaution possible to prevent any accident."

"We have asked Congress time after time to appropriate money to construct either another conduit or to authorize the building of some sort of addition to the present water supply system."

### To Survey Routes.

"We finally did get \$10,000 for a survey of all possible routes for bringing water to the city, and for the investigation of different systems possible under conditions as found here. "That survey has been started and much work done of a preliminary nature. It will be some months yet before the different plans are sifted out and the best selected, and even when that has been done and the money has been made available, it will take a long time to construct the system."

### Near Capacity Limit.

Major Crosby said that another reason for the construction of an addition to the present system is the fact that Washington, a growing city, is coming close to the limit of capacity of its water supply under present conditions.

The conduit, built fifty years ago, has kept abreast and ahead of the demands made upon it as the city grew, but it is now approaching the point where it cannot do more.

### Demand Varies.

"There are times in winter, Major Crosby said, when there is additional danger that there may be a water famine in the District. In February, of each year, he said, the water consumption runs up often to almost 100,000,000 gallons a day, people preferring to keep taps open to avoid freezing and bursting pipes to installing better plumbing. It would take only four or five days of such a drain to exhaust the reserve supply and cause a famine."

What kind of a system will be selected; whether or not additions must be made to the filtration plant, how long it will be before the city has the new plant, are questions not capable of being answered at present, Major Crosby said. The old conduit, up to the year 1875, cost the government about \$2,500,000. Major Crosby didn't hazard a guess as to what a new system will cost, but it certainly would not be less, he believes. When the new plant is built, it will be constructed for fifty years to come, and will be expected to take care of the city's increased growth for all that time.

## VISIT TO WHITE HOUSE WILL END CONVENTION

President Reception for Y.  
W. C. A. Delegates Last  
on Program.

## SEVERAL ADDRESSES HEARD THIS MORNING

Advantage of Class Work Out-  
lined by Mrs. Herbert  
E. Day.

With a reception by President Roosevelt in the White House this afternoon, the four days' joint conference of the Young Women's Christian Association will be brought to a close.

The session this morning was held in the First Congregational Church, and consisted of a series of addresses covering the various phases of work of the two associations. Mrs. William Hamilton Bayly presided.

Mrs. Herbert E. Day, chairman of the educational committee of the local Y. W. C. A., outlined the work of the classes and told of the advantages they were giving young women. Miss Anna Sasser, secretary for Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, outlined the work which is being done along the same lines in that section of the country.

### Additional Advantages.

In addition to the regular classes the young women have the advantages of the association libraries and the lecture course. It was made known that out of 170 city associations, 127 have these educational classes, and last year the enrollment numbered 15,747.

Miss Louise S. Holmquist, national secretary for New York, told of the work of the social department, and outlined the methods by which this department is maintained as the practical basis for keeping the members together. An insight into the manner of conducting the religious department was given by D. A. David, secretary of religious work of the local Y. W. C. A., who described the organization of the religious branch of that organization.

### Need of Active Board.

The necessity for an active board of directors was pointed out by William Knowles Cooper, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who declared that no association could hope to be successful unless its board of directors actually played their part. He said in many cases a board of directors looked to the paid employees of an organization to do the work, but that unless the members of the board actually directed the affairs of the association there could be little or no progress made.

Following the morning session the visiting delegates were entertained at luncheon in the Y. W. C. A. rooms, at Twelfth and F streets northwest.

Men and women of national prominence gave force and enthusiasm to the plea for a Young Women's Christian Association building at the banquet at Rauscher's last night. Tribute was paid

## NO MORE POLITICS, DECLARES HISGEN

Will Continue to Fight Oil Trust,  
But Only in Business  
Way.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 17.—Thomas L. Hisgen, independence party candidate for President in the recent election, states that he is out of politics absolutely and unequivocally.

"I am not going to stop fighting the Oil trust," said Hisgen; "but my fight hereafter will be my competition in business, and not on the stump. The tour across the country cost me a lot of money, and the loss of time has been detrimental to my business."

"I do not feel that I can afford to keep before the public eye as a politician, for I am not a politician in any sense of the word. I am thankful to all my friends for what they have done for me, but I am out of politics for good."



MRS. DAVID J. BREWER,  
Who Is a Prominent Figure in the  
Gathering.

to the excellent work done here now and emphasis laid upon the great possibilities in the work if the people will give the association a proper building.

### Prominent Guests Attend.

Associate Justice David J. Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, was toastmaster. Grouped about him were Mrs. Malcolm D. Whitman, of New York, whose wealth and social position have been given to philanthropic causes; H. L. F. de Lagercrantz, minister from Sweden, and Madame de Lagercrantz; Mrs. Thomas S. Gladding, Commissioner Macfarland, Miss Florence M. Brown, Mrs. John W. Foster, and many other well-known persons, who have gathered to aid the Y. W. C. A. in its building campaign.

Of the scope of the association Mrs. Whitman said: "All the women of the world are its field. It is successful for four reasons: It is an organization of girls for girls; it is adaptable to all conditions of girls and environment; it is supervised by women of the highest character; and it has behind it a great power—the object of bringing girls to realize that Christ is a fact."

The following letter was received by the members of the banquet committee from Ambassador Bryce:

"It would have been a great pleasure to us to comply with your request and attend the dinner of the Young Women's Christian Association. But unfortunately we have for some time been engaged to be away in the South at that time; on Monday, the 16th, we are to be at Turin, so that it is impracticable for us to be with you, as we should have much liked to be."

"Though not familiar with the details of the work, I know that both associations have done great good in England, and have often heard of the good they are doing here."

## STATE TREASURER DIES IN OHIO HOME

W. S. McKinnon, Prominent Business Man and Politician, Dies  
After Long Illness.

ASHTABULA, Ohio, Nov. 17.—State Treasurer W. S. McKinnon died at his home here today of enlargement of the heart, after a long illness.

He was prominently identified with the banking and manufacturing life of northeastern Ohio, and prior to his election as a State treasurer, was speaker of the Ohio house.

### WILL CLEAR PLATFORMS.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 17.—The State railroad commission has heard from almost all of the street railway companies in the State regarding the rule that passengers must not ride on the front platforms of trolley cars, and all say they will comply with the rule, which went into effect yesterday.

## TRY TO SUPPRESS INDIAN SEDITION

English, Alarmed, Call Con-  
ference to Frame Dras-  
tic New Laws.

SIMLA, Nov. 17.—A tacit admission of the seriousness of the Indian uprising was made today by Lord Minto, viceroy of India, in a call for a conference of the council of India at Bikanir, to consider plans for the suppression of sedition and rebellion throughout the country.

This is the most radical step that the English authorities have yet taken to cope with the crisis that is threatening.

The English population of India is demanding a new law, demanding summary punishment of mutineers, anarchists, and assassins. The present law is very tame in this respect, and is said to be responsible for the boldness of the Indian agitators. Unless the authorities are permitted to deal with the anarchists with an iron hand, English residents say their lives will be in constant danger.

## DWELLING HOUSE CHANGES HANDS

The two-story and basement brick dwelling, at 1310 E street northeast, has been sold by Lottie L. Burns to Mrs. Pauline Vaux, who will occupy the residence as her home.

The sale was made through the office of Willige, Gibbs & Daniel. The house has a pressed-brick, bay-window frontage, and has seven rooms and tiled bath. It has a reception room, and is heated by furnace. It occupies a lot 15 by 90 feet, running back to a thirty-foot alley.

It is understood that \$3,500 was paid for the property.

## MAN SEES FIANCEE AND FATHER DROWN

Though Seventy-eight Years Old, Parent of Bride-to-Be  
Plunges in Icy Waters of North River After  
Daughter.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—In the presence of the man whose bride she was to become on Thanksgiving Day, Mrs. Helen Bloch, a young widow of 141 West End avenue, was drowned in the North river, at the foot of 1324 street, last night.

Her father, Henry Rice, captain of the ashboat Lawrence, from the deck of which she fell, lost his life in an effort to save her, and at midnight the husband-to-be, Frank Hauserucker, was in a state bordering on insanity.

Mrs. Bloch, with whom Hauserucker had boarded at the West End address, went with him to bid adieu to her father, who was scheduled for several weeks' absence from New York. He was alone on the boat when he heard the cheery greeting of his daughter, who, with Hauserucker, had made her way gingerly through the dark to the end of the pier, and was crossing to the

deck by means of a narrow gangplank. Rice had scarcely reached the door of the cabin and cried, "Come on, Helen! when he heard Hauserucker cry: "Help! She's fallen overboard!"

Rice, who is seventy-eight years old, heard the splash, and, leaping to the side of the boat, shouted to the younger man: "Get a rope, Frank! I'll do the rest." Hauserucker made a dash for a coil of rope, as the aged man leaped into the water. He flung the rope and down where Rice had disappeared, and shouted for help.

Men who had been grappling near by for a body supposed to be that of Mrs. Julius Fleischmann, rowed quickly to the scene and started grappling there, while Hauserucker, apparently insane from grief, stood on the deck of the boat, tearing his hair and uttering incoherent sounds. Policeman Ringelsohn took charge of the man and hurried him off, fearing he would jump into the water. The bodies have not been recovered.

## YOUTH SHOTS MAN IN A CARD DISPUTE

PENNSACOLA, Fla., Nov. 17.—Charles Williams was probably mortally wounded at the turpentine camps of Goodwin Bros., about eleven miles from Pensacola, today, by Banister Sheffield, eleven years old.

The man and boy were playing cards, and with them was James Sheffield, thirteen years old. A dispute arose, and the man, it is said, threatened James Sheffield. He drew his revolver, it is alleged, whereupon the younger brother emptied the contents of a shotgun into the stomach of Williams.

## PLAYS ON ELEVEN WITH BROKEN RIBS

WINSTED, Conn., Nov. 17.—Burton Miller, right guard on the Norfolk football team, is the luckiest man playing the game in the State this season. One week ago last Saturday Miller had four ribs fractured, but played the game out before seeing a doctor. Last Saturday, when Norfolk met Torrington, Miller surprised players and rooters of the Norfolk eleven by appearing in tugs for the fray. He played right guard for both halves. Norfolk lost by 5 to 0, but it was not Miller's fault.



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